

Reasons humbly offered to the Honourable the House
of COMMONS, why new Impositions
should not be laid upon Brass-Wire and Tin-
Plates.

I. IT will greatly prejudice the Woollen
Manufacture, which is sent out for
these Commodities; especially from
York-shire, no Money being paid for Brass
Wire, but Cloth, and other Woollen Ma-
nufactures only; which, by this new Im-
position, will, in all probability, be discoura-
ged, or prohibited by the King of *Sweden*: As
it happened in *Portugal*, upon our laying a
great Imposition upon *Lisbon-Sugars*, that Go-
vernment prohibiting *English Cloth*: So that
whereas there was before that 50000 *l.* in
Cloth sent yearly thither, there has not been
since one Cloth sold.

II. Because there is none of either of those
Commodities made in *England*, therefore it
cannot be any Encouragement to our own
Manufacturies.

III. It will greatly impoverish, if not quite
ruine two considerable Handy-Crafts, Pin-ma-
kers, and Tin-plate-workers: And the great
quantities of Pins and Tin Wares, which are
now daily exported, will by this Advance
be obstructed, and our foreign Trade put into
the Hands of the *Dutch*; more Tin-Ware be-
ing exported than is used in *England*.